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September 19, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Davis Sand, Reservoir B, of the Cotton Valley  
Formation, MIDDLEFORK FIELD, Lincoln Parish,  
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

WILL-DRILL PRODUCTION CO., INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Davis Sand, Reservoir B, of the Cotton Valley Formation, in the Middlefork Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for CV DAVIS RB SUMM at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1012-A-1, effective January 11, 1978.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Davis Sand, Reservoir B, of the Cotton Valley Formation, underlying CV DAVIS RB SUMM which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To permit the Operator to produce the assigned unit allowable from either the unit well, the alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Davis Sand, Reservoir B, of the Cotton Valley Formation, in the Middlefork Field, Lincoln and Claiborne Parishes, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1012-A-1, effective January 11, 1978, and was redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1012-A-30, effective July 27, 1999.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Will-Drill Production Co., Inc., 416 Travis Street, Suite 1200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Daryl Fultz at (318) 222-7464 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

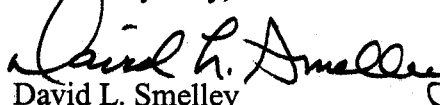
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Middlefork Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Will-Drill Production Co., Inc.

DLS:dp

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Daryl Fultz (w/encls.)  
Mr. Currie Smith (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented  
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

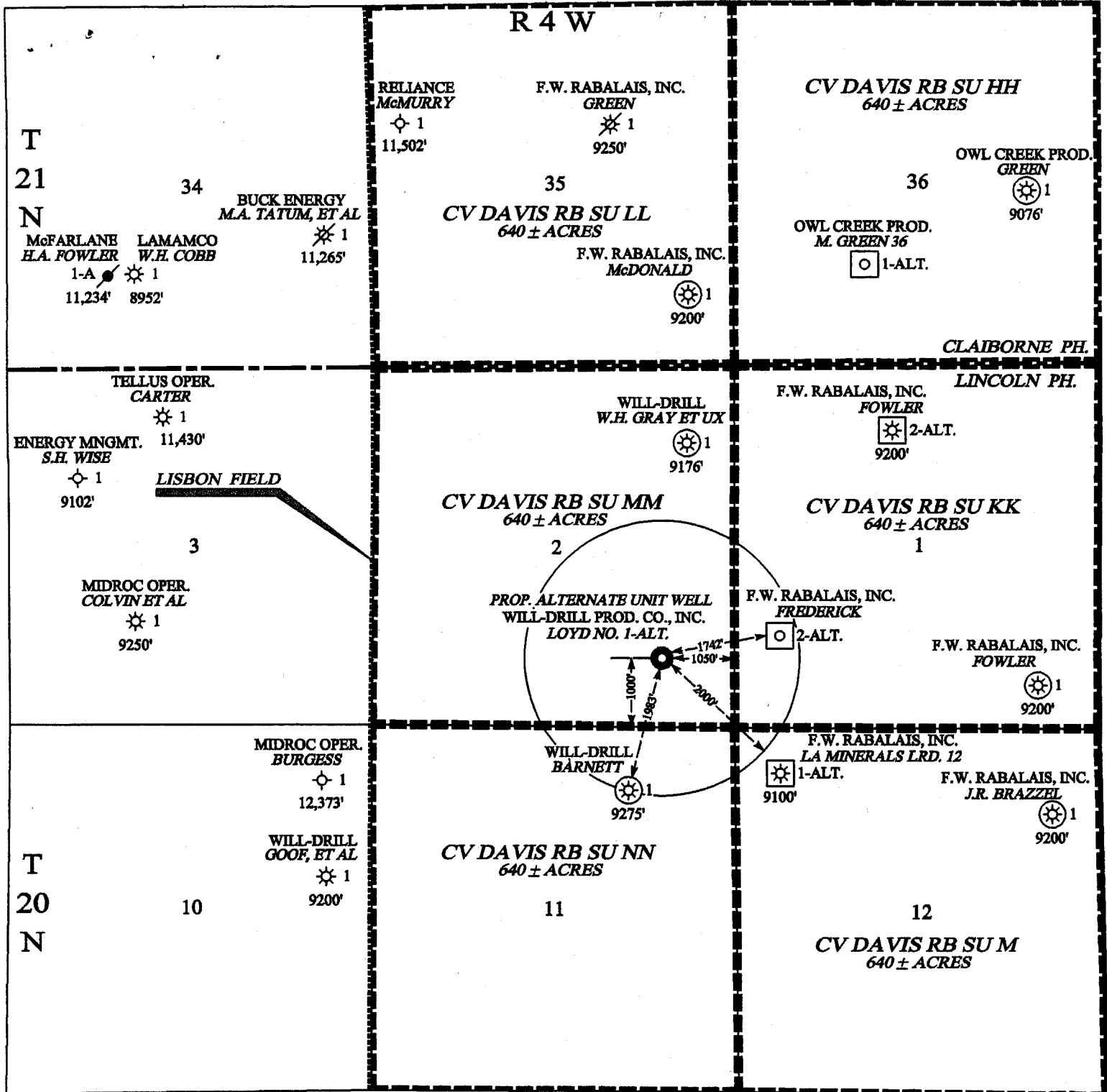


EXHIBIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

# **WILL-DRILL PRODUCTION CO., INC.** SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

## **MIDDLEFORK FIELD** LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA

**PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL AT EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION FOR  
COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR B SAND UNIT MM**

- :PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- ⊗ :EXISTING UNIT WELL
- ⊠ :EXISTING ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- :EXISTING MIDDLEFORK CV RB SAND UNITS

0' 1000' 2000' 3000' 4000'  
GRAPHIC SCALE

NOTE: SHALLOW WELLS NOT SHOWN.